

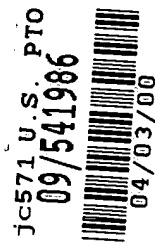


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER RULE 53(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a  
☒ continuation/ ☐ divisional  
of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:  
Inventor: Michael J. SHEA  
Serial No. 09/317,980  
Filed: May 25, 1999  
For: **EXERCISE APPARATUS**

Ref.: EX-2DC4

Date: April 3, 2000  
Group: 3764  
Examiner: TBA



Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:  
This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):

Inventor(s): Michael J. SHEA

☒ Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.

☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year/Filed</u>
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☐ certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) attached or  
☐ already filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior appln. no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ already filed in \_\_\_\_\_ Filed \_\_\_\_\_

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Power of Attorney has been granted to \_\_\_\_\_, Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a \_\_\_\_\_ of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_

☒ "Small entity" statement of record. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure copendency.

☒ The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner.

☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

**FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED**

Basic Filing Fee.....	\$	690.00
Total effective claims      5    - 20 (at least 20) =      0    x \$ 18.00 .....	\$	0.00
Independent claims          1    - 3 (at least 3) =      0    x \$ 78.00 .....	\$	0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$260.00 (ignore improper).....	\$	0.00
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Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) .....	\$	0.00
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**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Enclosed are nine (9) sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-9) for the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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